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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 26, 2001
Docket No. PHN 16,896A
Prior Art Unit 2641
Prior Ex. McFadden, S.

Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

- [] continued prosecution application ("CPA") under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
 continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/310,087, filed on 05/11/99 of Ludovicus M.G.M. Tolhuizen and Robert J. Sluijter for Transmission system using an improved signal encoder and decoder.

Enclosed are copies of 18 sheets of specification and 3 drawing sheets (all of which constitutes the specification and drawing in this application) and the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent application.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line as a centered heading: --Cross Reference To Related Applications--; and insert below that as a new paragraph --This is a continuation
[] divisional of application Serial No. 09/310,087, filed 05/11/99.--

An appointment of associates is enclosed.

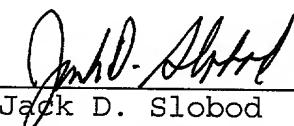
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[] Before calculating the filing fee, cancel in this application original claims *****.

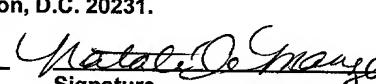
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- [X] Please charge the filing fee calculated above, plus any additional fees which may be required except for the Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.
- [X] Priority of application Serial No. 98201590.1, filed on May 14, 1998 in Europe, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- [X] The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/310,087.
- [X] This application is assigned to U.S. PHILIPS CORPORATION by way of the assignment filed in application Serial No. 09/310,087.
- [X] Address all future communications to Corporate Patent Counsel, Philips Electronics North America Corporation, 580 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591.
- [X] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
- [] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.
- [] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- [X] An Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.



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